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Hotel rooms going fast

Record Reunion Registration

The 1998 AMA Alumni Reunion is shaping up as the most successful reunion in the Association's history. By early January, most of the rooms available at the headquarters hotel had been reserved, and reservations were pouring into other nearby motels and hotels.

Alumni Association President **Goodloe Saunders, '57**, said that the planned salute to Augusta's faculty *"has AMA alumni coming out of the woodwork! It is a great tribute to our teachers and to the work of those who have been planning this very special reunion."* **Hap Starr, '51**, and several alumni from other decades will lead a salute to AMA's teachers at a Saturday night banquet. (Story on page 7)

The reunion is scheduled for the first 2 days in May - Friday and Saturday, 1 and 2 May, at the Holiday Inn Golf and Conference Center in Staunton. *"There are many matters of importance to discuss at this year's reunion,"* says Saunders, *"including an AMA museum, hopefully on school grounds; a planned giving program; and the alumni association's investment policies."*

Annual Founder's Day ceremonies will be conducted at the Old Stone Church on Saturday afternoon followed by a tour of the campus. (The school has just been purchased by the Virginia Conference of the Pentecostal Church, and the gymnasium is being rehabilitated as a church conference center. See page 13.)

Socials and dinners will be held both Friday and Saturday nights. The annual membership and board of directors' meetings begin at 9 AM Saturday. (See the complete schedule on page 6)

HOTELS FOR 1998 REUNION

Headquarters Hotel

Holiday Inn Golf & Conference Center
1/800/932-9061 - \$69 + tax

Other neighboring hotels and motels
Host Inn (across the road from Holiday Inn)
1/800/752-3301 - \$49 single/\$54 double + tax

Innkeeper (across I-81 from Holiday Inn)
540/248-5111 - \$69.99 + tax

Ingleside (Under new ownership)
540/248-1201 - \$55-65 + tax

Comfort Inn (Route 250 West of Staunton)
1/800/228-5150 - Call for rates & availabilities

Hampton Inn (Route 11 South in Staunton)
1/800/HAMPTON - \$69-95 + tax

Shoney's Inn (Route 250 East of I-81)
1/800/222-2222 - \$66 + tax

Super 8 Motel (Route 250 East of Staunton)
1/800/800-8000 - \$51-56 + tax

EconoLodge (Route 250 East of Staunton)
1/800/553-2666 - \$50 + tax

Scottish Inns (Verona, Exit 227, I-81)
1/800/251-1962 - \$45-55 + tax

When calling, be sure to mention AMA to get any special rates

Scholarship deadline

Completed applications for the 2 AMA Legacy Scholarships must be received by 31 March! There are now 2 scholarships available to the children or grandchildren of AMA alumni. Each is worth \$1,000 to the student who earns the award. How do you apply? Details on page 9.

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Augusta Military Academy Alumni Association, Inc.

March 1998



Dear Fellow Alumnus:

A very important meeting will take place during the 1998 AMA Reunion at the Holiday Inn Golf and Conference Center the first weekend in May.

Your AMA Alumni Association Annual and Board of Directors meetings will begin at 9 AM on Saturday 2 May (an hour earlier than usual). We are starting the meetings early so that there will be plenty of time to discuss some important topics. Foremost among them is our planned giving program headed by **Jeff Wenzel, '70**. We expect Jeff to make a number of recommendations which can guarantee the future of the Association and preserve the legacy of Augusta. Planned giving can include such things as wills, bequests, trusts, life insurance and gift annuities. We will be announcing at least one major bequest at this meeting.

We also will want to discuss plans for an AMA Museum, hopefully on the campus. And finally, we want to discuss the investments made by the Association to assure that we are getting the maximum prudent returns.

Every AMA alumnus is invited to attend this important meeting. (For the definition of an alumnus, see page 4!) Plan to attend the reunion which promises to be the biggest and best ever.

And put aside time to be at the AMA Alumni Annual and Board meetings at 9 AM on Saturday 2 May. We need your ideas and we need your enthusiastic support for these brave new ideas.

Goodloe Saunders, '57

President, AMA Alumni Association, Inc.



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The *Bayonet* welcomes information and articles for or about AMA alumni. Share the news of promotions, awards, retirement, births, marriages, deaths, etc. Please print or type your submission.

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Letters to the Editor

Remembering our teachers

With the passing of **Paul Hoover**, all of us should never forget the other men who were so important to our development - **Deane, Wales, Gardner, Kramer, Koogler, McCue, and Savedge** to name a few.

How important all of these men were to all of us!

Bill Jaeger, '58

Editor's note: We will be saluting all the great members of Augusta's faculty at the 1998 reunion.

A lesson in life

I was born a week after Pearl Harbor and my father shipped out 3 months after. He was gone until the end of 1945, and he came home a changed man. He only stayed home for about 18 months, then left and divorced my mother, so I never had much of a father image, much less the image of

a loving couple.

When I was 11, I was sent off to Augusta where something good caught my eye during my third year. I was in the 7th grade, a spunky little squad leader in the Band. 14 years old, I knew everything!

My teacher was new at AMA in 1956, and we thought we knew what to do with new teachers! Our teacher had been in the Air Force and wore an Air Force uniform...

We kids kept hearing about this beautiful girl who would sunbathe on the roof of a farm building near the tennis court. I never saw her, until one day she came into our classroom. We were a bunch of lovestruck teenyboppers! She was even prettier than we had heard, and our teacher was dating her!

The way our teacher acted was very cool indeed; I was impressed.

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1930

Stanley Bach is confined to the VA Hospital in Lexington, KY. He had left to spend the winter in Florida where he collapsed and was taken back home to Kentucky. Get well fast, Stanley.

1937

Bill Gray, AMA's Chaplain, is the Service Officer of Post 85, Department of Virginia, American Legion. His wife Betty is President of the American Legion Auxiliary of Post 85, President of the Cedarettes of Temple Forest #136-TCL, and La Presidente, LaFemes of the 40 and 8.

1944

Harry Hamilton lives in Atlanta and remembers quite well when there were quite a few Navy boys housed at CW barracks during World War II while they were taking flight training nearby. Harry's brother **Elbert**, '42, went from AMA to Fort Benning, was commissioned a 2nd lieutenant, and was killed in action in France in 1945.

1946

Goodrich White, Jr. lives in Webster Spring, WV. His nephew is **Mike Herold**, '58. (See Class of 1958, below)

1949

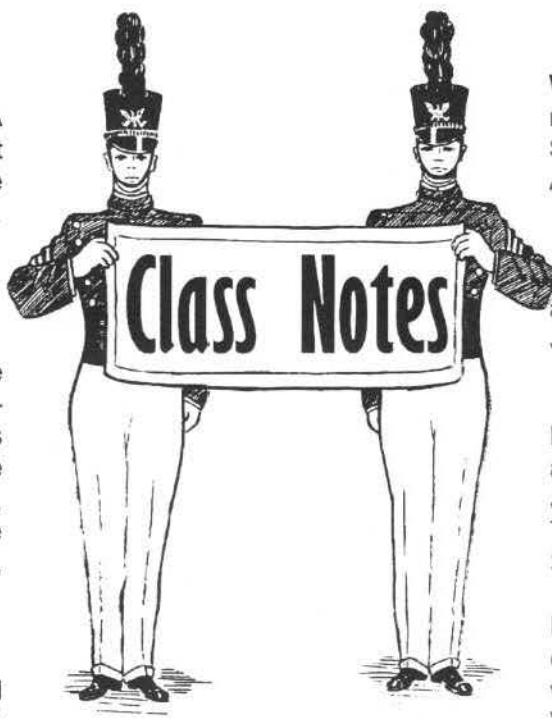
Louis Philhower writes from Macon, GA that he is *"taking more time to watch my grandchildren play soccer and baseball... and I am spending more time in the mountains... I hope I can attend the 1998 reunion..."* We hope so too, Louie! His senior year, Louis was captain of Headquarters Company.

1950

Bob Ayers has found the AMA Alumni Association after having concluded that it was no more! Bob spent 20 years in the Air Force and 25 years with the Postal Service, retiring in Tampa in 1996.

1952

Cole Sandridge underwent some extensive abdominal surgery this past August. Cole says he is *"doing great*



now. I was amazed at my speedy recovery." Good luck, Cole!

1953

Ted Basque is Quality Assurance Manager for OEA Aerospace in El Macero, CA. Ted's company makes ejection devices for all U.S. aircraft as well as explosive devices for an array of missiles, including Delta and Titan. He plans to attend the 1998 reunion in May.

1955

Jack Meier is director of customer service for the second largest printing company in the United States - Quebecor of Franklin, KY. They print catalogs, magazines and inserts. *"I invite any AMA alumni to drop by for a tour of our operations,"* says Jack.

Colonel Anthony Reed, retired, lives in Vienna, VA and says that *"AMA provided a home and guiding influence during a troubled period of my youth. The spirit of service I learned at AMA has stayed with me, and for that I thank AMA, its distinguished faculty, and the many friends I made in CW Company."*

1956

Adrian Howard, First Captain in 1955-56, Captain of the Roller Rifles, and valedictorian, is a retired general contractor. He lives in Crozier, VA..

Walter "Buzz" Withers is in the millwork business in Mount Pleasant, SC, 6 miles from Charleston. He and Ardra have been married since 1960.

1957

Jim Hume sends his new e-mail address from San Mateo, CA: JCDHume@aol.com

1958

Barton Weeks is married to Jeane and they have 2 grown sons, Barton, Jr. and Ted, plus 3 grandchildren. They have lived in Florida for the last 30 years.

Mike Herold has retired as a full colonel after 25 years in the Army. He was a company commander in Vietnam and a battalion commander in Germany. He now lives in Canva, WV where he is in charge of the Nicholas County (WV) ROTC program. Mike plans to attend the AMA reunion May 1-2. *"I had lots of success in the Army and I attribute that to my time at AMA."*

Joe Radican lives in Cleveland where he runs a trucking company serving Ford, GM and other major manufacturing companies. After AMA, he attended Wittenburg University, then went into the Navy where he served on a destroyer for most of his tour.

Bob Seeberger works for a property management company in the South Hills area of Pittsburgh. *"I married the most wonderful girl in the world and we have 4 boys and 3 girls, plus 8 grandchildren and 2 more on the way..."* Bob plans to attend the reunion the first weekend in May.

1959

Carl Rodger Morris is an unfranchise owner of Market America in Sterling, VA and has owned the First Break Cafe in Sterling since 1991. He and Brenda have 5 children.

Robert Turner is a retired geologist who has just finished mapping all the oil and gas reserves in the world. He lives in Sterling, VA also. Listen for him on AM Radio 980.

1960

Frank Williamson is searching diligently for members of his class, urging them to attend the 1998 AMA reunion. *"I found Ben Zinham and he said my call made his day. Jimmy Crawford says he is coming to the reunion also... I have just 12 members of my class that I have yet to locate, and I'm still working hard to find them..."*

Andy Caceres worked for the Ford Motor Company for 31 years until his retirement. This month, he and his wife will celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary with their 2 daughters and 5 grandchildren. They live in Commerce Township, MI.

1961

David Curl is in his second year of retirement in Norfolk after the shut-down of the Naval Aviation Depot, *"but it looks like I need to give up retiring. It doesn't pay well enough!"*

Ron Frees is a senior mechanical engineer at ChemTech Consultants in Bridgeville, PA which makes him a big Steelers fan. Married to Sandy for 35 years, they have 2 daughters, a son, and 4 grandchildren. e-mail Ron at: iceman61@nb.net

1963

Bob Hume and his wife own and operate a motorcoach company in Harrisonburg. Travel Mates runs over-the-road coaches with charter and tour operations.

Ray Sanchez visited Augusta just before Christmas and *"took lots of pictures to show my daughters... I hope to see everyone at the reunion this coming May..."*

1964

Don Harris is delighted to announce the birth of a daughter, Nicole Gabrielle, at 0247 Monday 29 December.

What does it take to be an AMA alumnus?

Several cadets have written *The Bayonet* to determine what it takes to be an AMA alumnus? Well, for one thing, you didn't have to graduate from AMA. Webster's definition of *alumnus* is: *"one who attended or graduated from a particular school..."*

If you ever went to AMA, even for a single year or part of a year, you are part of the AMA alumni family, like it or not!

Mother, daughter and dad are doing fine. *"8 pounds 15 ounces, and beautiful, just like her Mom."*

1967

John Rock has checked in with his e-mail and snail mail addresses: 5098 Foothills Boulevard, #3318, Roseville, CA 95747. e-mail John at: jrocket1@netcom.com

Mickey Toms is a commercial realtor in Charlottesville.

Gary Coslop is a contractor in Bridgeton, NJ.



The picture above was in the November *Bayonet* where we wondered if this might have been a GI inspection. Yes, says Tom Peifer, '74. It was GI inspection of Company A in 1973. Tom identifies the cadet to the left as Joe Garry, the cadet in the background as Mike Minunni, the cadet at the right as Andres Ayau, and the cadet whose rifle is being inspected as Tony Ettner. The inspector: Major Ben Harmon.

1968

Russ Amidon has retired from the Seaford, DE police force with 23 years of service. *"I am now fulfilling my dream of being a cabinetmaker."* He is a certified field instructor with the Delaware Fire School and an active volunteer fire fighter. Russ lives with his wife and 2 stepchildren and has a son who serves with the US Marines in Iwakuni, Japan.

1970

Ron Ginns has moved into farm country near West Grove, PA. *"The back yard of my house goes into a corn field... reminding me of the back of Big Barracks... or 'Cow Paddy Beach' as we knew it. And I live in Mushroom County! Need I say more?"* Ron is in the electric contracting business.

Jorge Roviro's daughter Victoria, age 16, has been awarded the National Scholars Award for 1997, one of only 2 juniors at her school so honored. Daughter Carolina, 20, is a sophomore at the Maryland Institute College of Art and has had some of her works selected for a major art exhibit in Baltimore.

1971

Mark Femrite has taken a management position with AFLAC Insurance and is now recruiting and training new insurance agents in Blacksburg, VA.

Mark is Regional Director of Eagle Scout Advancement for the New River Valley, and wife Sherri works with the Veterans Administration.

1972

Tim Cooper got married for the 4th time on 20 December. Tim has been living in Saudi Arabia and he and his new bride Mary Kathryn are touring Europe on their Harleys this spring. This fall, the Coopers will move to Raleigh, NC where Tim will pursue an engineering degree at UNC,

and Mary Kathrynne will teach art. e-mail them at: mkotimbo@batelco.com.bh

Al Samuels has his own sound production company in Southern California where he works on movies and TV shows. Al has a wife, a daughter, 4 dogs and 2 cats, all living in LA.

Dr. Richard Whitaker says he is "owned by 3 veterinary practices. That's right, owned, not vice versa. But I'm looking for a partner and hope to change all that." Whit lives in Turner, ME where **Doc Savedge's** dogs went after Savedge's death. "Tallulah died last year, but Scruffy is still going strong at age 15..."

Stride Coleman now lives in Franklin County, VA, although his address is 114 Waterside Circle, Moneta, VA 24121. He is the Security Officer for Virginia Western College.

1976

Mike Payne has been found on-line by **Steve Pearson's** AMA Mail project. He is Senior Emergency Training Consultant for TSB Loss Control, teaching fire fighting, rescue and hazardous materials handling to response teams. He's been married for 19 years and has 2 daughters and a granddaughter.

Mike Arrington is the lead television/multimedia writer for the NASA Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, AL. He writes a variety of TV and CD-ROM titles for the U.S. space program. Mike has a website at: members.aol.com/amzbooks/planarr.htm.

1981

Steve Fain has recovered fully from the auto accident in which he lost a kidney and his spleen. He has gone back to college and last May received a degree in international business. He is hoping that some AMA alumni will attend Fishburne's Founder's Day the weekend before the AMA reunion.

ATTENDING THE SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER AT THE REUNION?

This year, we have the biggest turnout in the history of the AMA Alumni Association. Unless you make a RESERVATION IN ADVANCE for the Saturday night banquet, you may not be able to get in! If you plan to attend the Saturday night dinner, send in the blue registration form TODAY!



The question in the January *Bayonet* was: What year was this picture taken of cadets struggling up the hill to the Old Stone Church? Linda Roller Livick says it had to be after 1956 (when the new John Craig Hall in the foreground was built) and before 1965 (when the overcoats with the red capes were replaced). Wayne Higgins, '63, is pretty certain that this is the 36 inch Ash Wednesday snow of March 1963. But Bob Ridgeway, '62, says the photo first appeared in the 1961 *Recall*, and that C and D Companies had the "largest snowball battle ever seen on that hill the same Sunday after church."

Saying goodbye to the Ghost Battalion

Former AMA faculty member **Don Studer** relates a story which, he says, "put into action an example of why I like AMA cadets and why I envy the experiences they share." Don's story is related here, unedited:

In early 1984, when it was announced that the school would not reopen after Christmas vacation, I was working in the Commandant's Office. During January, I relayed the information of the closing to several alumni. One of them, an ex-cadet officer, elected to return to the school for a few days to renew old memories.

On the day that he was to return home, he arrived at a deserted AMA in complete Sunday dress uniform, unannounced to anyone. He (I am sure on behalf of all who preceded him) marched his long gone staff through the front arch, then reversed awaiting the Ghost Battalion to form on the blacktop. He gave the appropriate commands and accepted, with his salutes, the reports rendered.

I watched from seclusion while he dismissed his Corps, turned and dismissed his staff, marched to his car, and drove off.

His actions on that sad day, and the actions of AMA men over the years, have made me proud to be, in some small way, a member of the AMA community. I thought you'd like to know.

In the June issue:
Pictures and stories from the 1998 Reunion

REUNION FACTS

What? The 1998 Annual AMA Alumni Reunion
When? Friday and Saturday - May 1-2, 1998
Where? Holiday Inn Golf & Conference Center
Why? To meet old friends and make new ones

You **MUST** make your own hotel reservations!

Check the list of Staunton area hotels on page I

Call **TODAY** to make your hotel reservation!



Send the enclosed registration form to:

AMA Alumni Association
P. O. Box 101
Fort Defiance, VA 24437

Friday OR Saturday dinner
ONLY - \$25 per person

Friday AND Saturday dinner
\$45 per person OR
\$85 per couple

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION DOES NOT MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS! YOU MUST DO THAT YOURSELF.

See registration form for discounts available to those who have contributed to the Alumni Association

What will be happening at the 1998 AMA Alumni Reunion?

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

Hospitality Suite will be open, starting at 5 PM
Early bird registration

FRIDAY, MAY 1

Breakfast from 7:00 AM
Golf and tennis available at the Holiday Inn
Registration, all day, Hospitality Suite
7:00 PM - Social, Holiday Inn
7:30 PM - Dinner, Holiday Inn

SATURDAY, MAY 2

Breakfast from 7:00 AM
7:30 AM - Ad Astra breakfast
9:00 AM - Annual membership meeting,
followed by AMA Alumni
Association Board meeting
10:00 AM - Ladies shopping tour
3:00 PM - Founder's Day ceremonies,
Old Stone Church Cemetery,
followed by tour of campus
6:00 PM - Social, Holiday Inn
7:00 PM - Annual AMA Banquet
saluting Augusta's faculty
and the Classes of 1938, 1948,
1958, 1968, 1973 and 1978

An AMA campus tour is planned for Saturday afternoon,
courtesy of the Virginia Conference, Pentecostal Church

THINGS TO DO:

- 1) Make room reservation! Contact one of the Staunton area hotels listed on Page I
- 2) Return registration form to Alumni Association
- 3) Call my classmates and get them to attend
- 4) Show up May 1 for the best time of my life!

Faculty and staff will be guests

Hap Starr, '51, plans faculty salute

The faculty and staff of Augusta will be honored at the 1998 AMA Alumni Reunion 1-2 May at the Holiday Inn Golf and Conference Center in Staunton.

Charles "Hap" Starr, '51, accepted the assignment to script a salute to Augusta's matchless teachers and administrative staff at the annual banquet on Saturday evening, 2 May. *"At the dinner, there will be 4 alumni of varying vintage to give a roughly 4 generational spread,"* says Starr, *"and then we will open it up to the audience."*

AMA teachers and staff are invited as guests to the Saturday night social, banquet and dance. The social begins at 7 PM with the dinner dance following.

The recent death of Colonel Hoover has highlighted the need to thank our teachers while they can appreciate the bouquets tossed their way. Quite a few

of the former AMA faculty plan to attend the reunion.

Record turnout

AMA alumni and friends have registered for this special reunion in record numbers. *"I am certain that the opportunity to be with our former teachers has a lot to do with this unprecedented turnout,"* says AMA Alumni Association President **Goodloe Saunders, '57**. *"We have never had such an early rush for rooms."* By

the end of January, nearly all the reserved rooms had been taken at the Holiday Inn, the headquarters hotel. Page 1 of *The Bayonet* carries a list of other area hotels where rooms may be available.

Looking for ideas

Starr says that he will gladly entertain ideas from alumni for particular ways to honor our faculty. Write Hap at 3 Water Island, St. Thomas, VI 00802. Phone 809/774-7058.

"That we all love Augusta as much as we do is ample evidence that these great men and women did their jobs well," says Saunders. *"There probably is not a single one of them who could not have earned more in some other endeavor; yet, they devoted their lives to the impressionable young men who attended Augusta Military Academy through the years."*



Hap Starr, '51, at the 1997 reunion.

All former AMA faculty and staff are invited to be our guests at the Saturday 2 May banquet. Each also is invited to bring one guest. Reservations must be made with the AMA Alumni Association, P. O. Box 101, Fort Defiance, VA 24437. Phone 540/248-0507.

SEARCHING

FOR AUGUSTA FACULTY MEMBERS

At the May 1998 reunion, we will be honoring all those wonderful men (and women!) who taught us at AMA.

We want to invite all living AMA faculty members to be our guests at the Saturday night banquet during the May reunion. But we have a problem...

We don't know where all of these folks are.

If you know the whereabouts of any AMA faculty member, please let us know. Even if you think we might have the address for a particular teacher, please send us whatever information you have. If you know that someone is deceased, we need to know that too.

To make our 1998 reunion a success, we will need your help. Please send any faculty names, addresses and/or phone numbers to: Ed Click, AMA Alumni Association, Inc., P.O. Box 101, Fort Defiance, VA 24437-0101. e-mail: Grampso2@juno.com



e-mail @address ch@nges

Here are listed new and changed e-mail addresses for AMA alumni and faculty since the January *Bayonet*. The next complete e-mail address list will be published in the June issue. Send your new e-mail address or address change to: **AMABayonet@aol.com**

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White Hall in the snow. Built in 1914 as the home of "The Big Boy" and his family, it is now the home of Colonel Mal and Linda Roller Livick.

Letters to the Editor (from page 2)

There was a courting and loving relationship that I had not seen before. I couldn't tell who was sweeping who off whose feet.

I didn't know anything about love then, but what I saw during my 7th grade season left me with a good feeling of something I hoped I would find some day. I don't think I can define it, but I've had it for about 30 years now - the 30 years since I married my dear wife.

Who gave me this lesson I never got at home?
Lieutenant Mal Livick. and Linda Roller.

Luke Snyder, '60

Clay pigeons at reunion

Are you interested in sporting clays? If so, several alumni plan to shoot clays instead of playing golf at this May's reunion. If you are interested, contact **Rick Ellett, '72**, at 540/724-4332. Home address: 90 Waterpointe Road, Moneta, VA 24121. e-mail: rellett458@aol.com

VMI Foundation thanks AMA

The Executive Vice President of the VMI Foundation has thanked Augusta alumni for their continued support of the VMI Scholarship Fund.

George Roberts said that "VMI is dedicated to producing graduates, not merely book wise, but more importantly, people of unquestioned character and honor. Our nation deserves no less."

Roberts wrote that AMA's donations provided for these cadets this past year: Thomas Butler, '98, a history major from Newport News; John Gilbert, Jr., an English major from Methuen, MA; William Martin, '97, an economics major from Staunton; and John Rogers, '98, a history major from Norfolk.

The VMI Scholarship Fund was created by the AMA Alumni Association to honor **General Charles S. Roller, Jr.**, a 1901 graduate of the Institute.

Each year, a \$500 stipend is awarded to each of 4 cadets, chosen by VMI.

Scholarship application deadline looms

The deadline is fast approaching for applications to be received for the 2 AMA Legacy Scholarships to be awarded at the reunion in May.

Each scholarship is worth \$1,000 and is given to the child or grandchild of an AMA alumnus who is entering, for the first time, an educational institution past the high school level.

Applications may be received by contacting **Gary Nicholson, '70**, at

11971 Lexington Drive, Dunkirk, MD 20754. Phone 301/855-2706. e-mail: nickama70@aol.com

Completed applications must be returned by 31 March 1998!

Judging will be done by an independent educator and the winners will be announced at the Saturday 2 May banquet during the 1998 AMA Alumni Reunion.

Until this year, there had been a single scholarship offered. A second annual \$1,000 scholarship has been created in honor of the late Helen Bradford, **Bob Bradford's** mother, by Bob and his wife, Nancy.

Completed applications must be received by 31 March 1998!

Attention: former *Bayonet*, *Recall* editors

Were you ever editor of *The Bayonet* or *The Recall* in your days at Augusta?

If so, you are invited to contribute articles of lasting interest for publication in future *Bayonets*. If you edited either *The Bayonet* or *The Recall*, you must have some very special talents, and you likely have some very special stories to tell.

Was **Colonel Savedge** your faculty advisor, or did you work on the school publications when **Colonel Hoover** was the faculty advisor? If so, probably have some very special stories indeed!

Your particular memories of AMA and the way it was will

be much appreciated by generations of Augusta men. If you have photos you would like to submit together with any story, we'll see that the pictures are returned to you after publication.

Remember how difficult it was to get your reporters to turn in their stories on time? Well, we are looking forward to hearing from you soon! Stories should be no more than 700 words and - you'll understand this - we reserve the right to edit any article for space.

OK, get to that computer, or typewriter. Bang out that story that's been inside for a long time. And mail, FAX or e-mail it to *The Bayonet*, 726 El Pintado Road, Danville, CA 94526

David Click thanks AMA for scholarship award

David Click is a freshman at the University of Virginia. Last May, he received the 1997 AMA Legacy Scholarship. He writes:

I want to thank the AMA Alumni Association again for awarding me your scholarship. It was an honor to be chosen and I hope I will not disappoint you.

There are about 500 first-years (that's UVA for "freshmen") in engineering, and of these about 36 were chosen to be Rodman Scholars. I have that honor, and I have to say this... we were NOT named for Dennis, but after Walter Rodman, dean of the engineering school about 50 years ago.

We take some special honors classes which are smaller than those offered to the other engineering students. Instead of being in a 180-person physics class, we have 20-25 in a class.

When I arrived at UVA in August, I was handed my schedule for the first semester - no choices to make. That's

really great if you are indecisive. My prefab schedule included calculus II, chemistry and a lab, physics, synthesis and design, and technology, culture and communication (TCC), which is an English class.

In TCC, we didn't write much, but we discussed topics brought up in our professor's book on invention and discovery. My partner and I tested human reliance on computers by having subjects run a computer simulation, a game in which the user controlled a fleet of ships and engaged the enemy in battle. The computer would generate the odds of victory for each battle which the subject would use to determine whether to fight or to surrender.

We studied engineering concepts from ergonomics to economics. We constructed a device that could weigh accurately objects up to 700 grams. (Ours was accurate to within 2 grams which, in all modesty, was really good) And my group of 4 designed a loft and desk workstation.

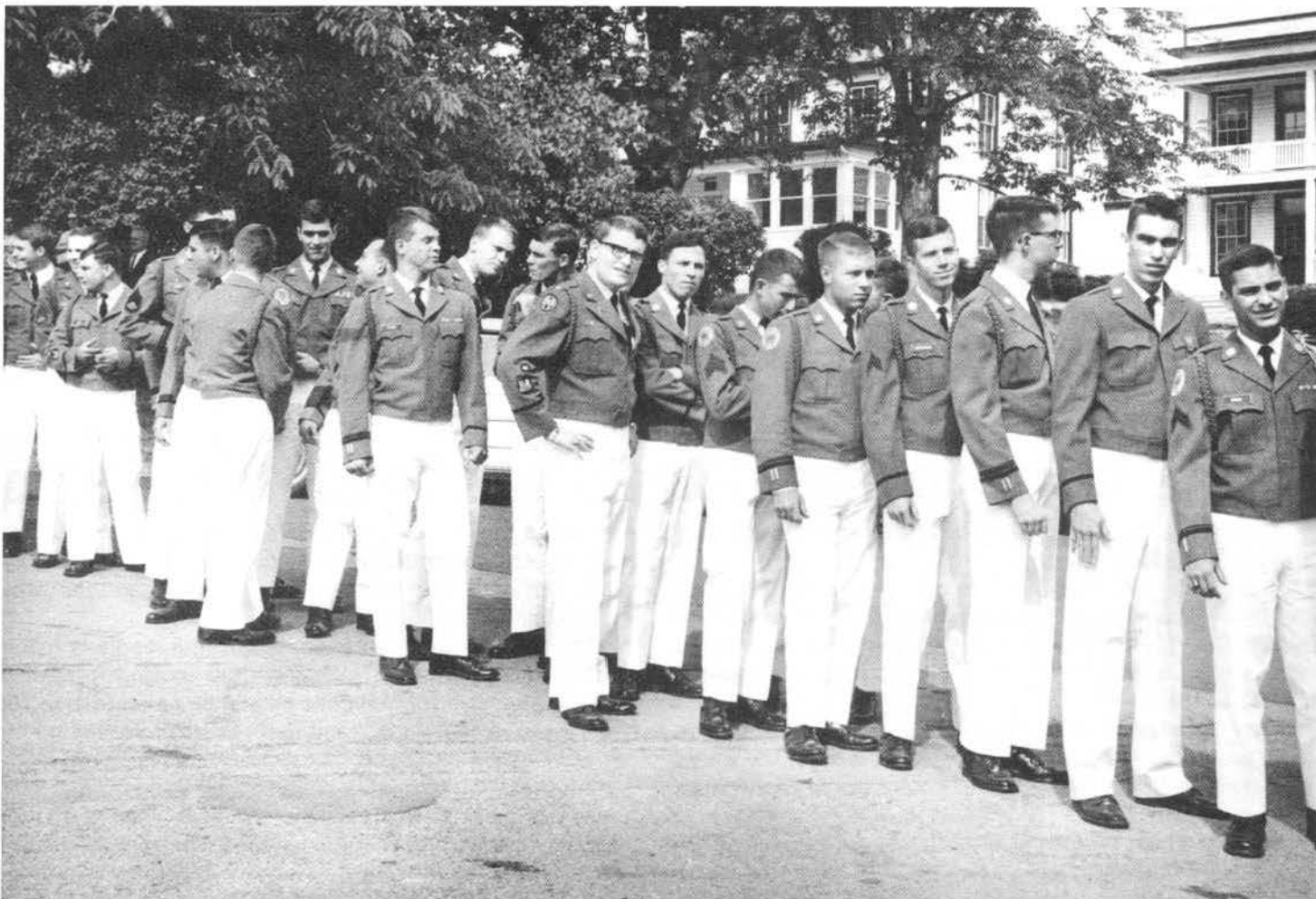
A Rodman Scholar must also take part in activities outside the classroom. We met with scholars from around the world, and took part in community service projects and social activities.

This past semester, I have focused on keeping up with my classwork. However, I do have a part-time job as a "lab consultant". UVA has computing labs around Grounds and I sit in these labs and answer computer questions. One lab I worked in has 120 computers and every one is in use, so I get plenty of questions.

My job helps me cover my everyday expenses (I had no idea how much college students loved pizza!)

I am fairly certain that I will major in computer engineering, a combination of electrical engineering and computer science. Thank you again for the scholarship and for your investment in my future.

David Click
Winner of the
1997 AMA Legacy Scholarship



The Class of 1967, in line outside the gymnasium, ready to march in and receive their diplomas. Picture provided by Dave Raybin, '67, whose father took the photo. Dave is in the center of the picture, hands on hips.

Augusta memories...

Bob Seeberger, '58, recalls having tested how soundly **Mike (Rocky) Snell** could sleep: *"One night, Dave Conrad, Coyt Johnson and I picked up Rocky on his mattress, carried him to the shower room, and put him in the shower. (He never stirred) Then, we turned the water on. As I remember, he was a little upset with us!"*

Bob Hume, '63, remembers when he drove the school vehicles in 1962-63: *"In addition to nightly Jeep trips to take the mail to The Fort (and the side trip to that little store in Mount Sidney), I also drove the school bus. One Christmas break, the engine was frozen, but I didn't know. I started for the Staunton train station and a mile or so down Route 11, the engine seized up, and the cadets ended up in cabs. Sam Wales was not happy with me!"*

Alan Poole, '67, was watching TV in January when he stumbled onto a sports channel which was showing the 1968 Michigan-Ohio State game, *"...and I heard the sports-caster say, 'Tackle by Jim Stillwagon, number 68, for Ohio State, AMA Class of 1967.' I nearly fell out of my chair!... I was stationed at Hickam AFB in Hawaii when Jim called me... He was playing in the Hula Bowl!"*



50 years ago, Bill Aycok, '48, reports to The Big Boy.

Frank Harris, '76, was in the Valley this past Christmastime. *"We passed through Mount Crawford, Mount Sidney and soon saw the little post office at Fort Defiance. The school was beautiful with fresh snow on the ground and a clear blue sky above... I could almost see cadets walking tours or hanging out the windows..."*

SPOTLIGHT on ED CLICK, '50

Did your *Bayonet* arrive this month? Have you found a classmate through the AMA Alumni Association? If you have a full time job, how many hours a year do you work?

These questions may seem to be unrelated, but consider: a person employed in a full time job works 2,080 hours a year; **Ed Click, '50**, does this for the Alumni Association *in addition* to being a full time teacher, husband, father, grandfather and Boy Scout leader.

•Early mornings, evenings, late at night, on weekends and holidays, you'll find Ed at his computer, on the phone, at the post office or at the printer maintaining and updating records on a database that now contains the names of more than 6,000 men who attended Augusta.

The fact is that without the mailing list being kept up to date and constantly expanded, we would not be in touch effectively. The AMA Locator Project is just one way that Ed has made his unparalleled contributions toward the alumni association's principal purpose, which is keeping us in touch with each other. As **Duke Fancher, '58**, says, "*As interesting as The Bayonet is, it's not worth a thing if it's not read. It is delivered and read because of Ed Click.*"

When Ed took on this assignment, the alumni list was fragmented. There were barely legible names scrawled on 3-by-5 cards; address changes still arrive in handwriting that would disgrace a doctor. Addresses had been lost or were out of date. In days past, when an alumnus had not been heard from for a while, that fellow's name was removed from the mailing list and once gone, many have still not been located despite Ed's very best sleuthing.

Letters - he gets letters!

And letters - he gets letters! All mail addressed to the alumni association comes to Ed. When the Fort Defiance Post Office gets mail addressed to AMA, it is delivered to the Click address. He gets inquiries on attendance and graduation, even though many old school records don't even exist any more.

Ed took on this responsibility after VMI had helped with the mailing list after the school closed in 1984. Laughing, Ed says, "*If I knew then what I know now, would I even have considered starting this project? Knowing how slowly I learn, probably the answer is still yes.*"

Ed is anything but a slow learner. After doing well at AMA, he attended William and Mary where he studied jurisprudence, graduating in 1954. He then was commis-

sioned from ROTC into the field artillery and served on active duty for 20 years, retiring in 1974 at the rank of lieutenant colonel.

While in the Army, he received an MA in Latin American Studies at the University of Oklahoma. He served in Vietnam twice and also had assignments in Korea, Germany, Costa Rica, and Alaska. He was designated a foreign policy specialist for Latin America and finished his career in Military Intelligence.

So much for being a slow learner! After his military service, he taught social studies in Leesburg, Florida before coming home to Virginia in 1983. Since that time, he has been teaching at the Staunton Correctional Center. "*I get up every morning and go to jail,*" he says, "*but I get to come home every night!*"

Ed, his wife Sue, and sons David and Bill live in Fort Defiance, less than a mile south of the school right on Route 11. David is a freshman at the University of Virginia and was winner of the 1997 AMA Legacy Scholarship.

Augusta a family affair

While at Augusta, Ed was a workboy, and in Roller Rifles, on the fencing team, and a member of the Beta Club and Final Ball and Decorating Committees. His mother, Sally Click Simmons, was the nurse at AMA and later Housemother in J Barracks.

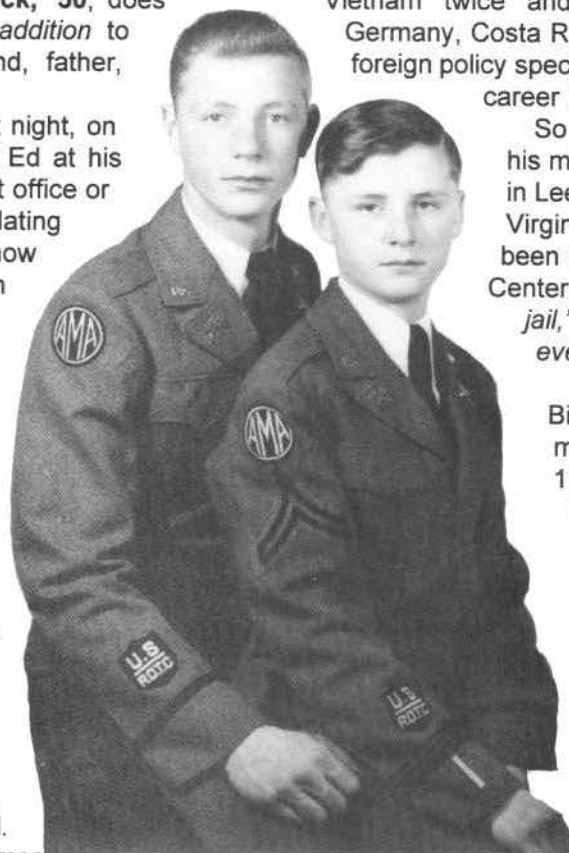
Ernest Click, '48, Ed's brother, was backstroke on the AMA swimming team in 1945-48. Ernest lives in Umatilla, FL.

Duke Fancher offered to assist Ed when newly found AMA records were recovered from the armory. "*I had no idea it would be such a daunting task,*" says Duke. "*I can't imagine that someone would take on a thankless volunteer project like this. He gets all the grief and rarely a 'thank you.' It's sheer devotion that drives him, I think...*"

We live in a mobile society with government statistics indicating that on average, every American will change his or her address 5 times. The U. S. Post Office does try to keep up with these changes, but after every *Bayonet* goes in the mail, Ed receives dozens of address changes and reports of misdirected mailings. He tries to track down every one so that the uninterrupted delivery of AMA Alumni Association mail can continue.

Ed continues to refine and expand the database as newly found records, rosters, ledgers and such are discovered.

In addition to the Herculean task of keeping the mailing



Pictured above, Ernest Click, '48, and Ed, '50, in 1948

list, Ed is Treasurer of the AMA Alumni Association. He keeps track of all the association financial records on his trusty if overworked computer. He receives the registrations for AMA reunions and deposits the registration fees. It is to Ed that contributions to the alumni association are sent.

Ed administers the VMI and the AMA Legacy Scholarship and makes disbursements as authorized by the Association.

Right, Lieutenant Colonel Edwin F. Click, Military Intelligence.

He prepares reports, writes checks, maintains financial records, receives and records bank and investment statements, and answers a myriad of questions.

These financial responsibilities alone would consume all the time most volunteers conceivably could give to an organization, and those duties are as thankless as being the Keeper of the Rolls.

Says Duke, *"We all owe Ed and his family a tremendous amount of gratitude."*

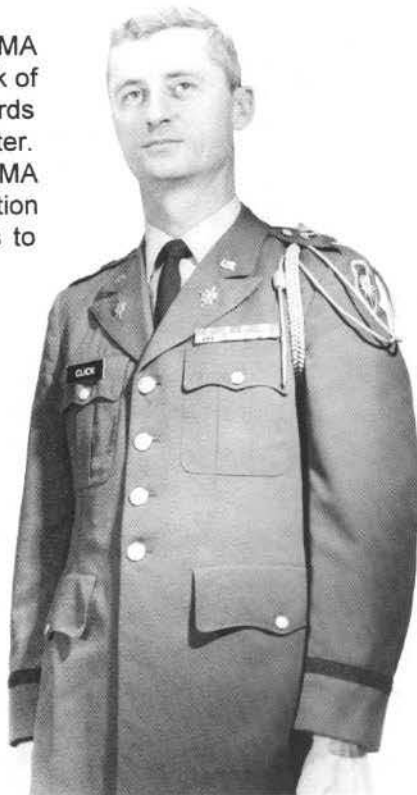
Amen!

Gifts of stocks can help AMA

Over the last several years, there has been a meteoric rise in the stock market. Stocks and mutual funds may have been purchased for a much lower share price than they would sell for now.

If these stocks or mutual funds are sold, the gain in value is taxed at 28 per cent. On the other hand, if these stocks or mutual funds are donated to the AMA Alumni Association for one of the scholarship funds, there is **no capital gains tax** and the contributor can receive an **income tax charitable deduction for the full market value of the stock or mutual fund.**

For further information, contact **Jeff Wenzel, '70**, Coordinator for Planned Giving, c/o AMA Alumni Association, P. O. Box 101, Fort Defiance, VA 24437-0101.



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A proud "Son of Hoover" (from page 16)

During my senior year, I played halfback on what had to be one of the worst AMA soccer teams of all time. We failed to score a goal the entire season, except a couple for opposing teams. In my opinion, which I shared with Hoover whenever possible, we had a pretty good defense (**Herb Maher** was the goalie and **Harry Baldwin** was another halfback), but we were undone with an offensive strategy that was limited to "Boot the ball." At about 125 pounds, and totally lacking in speed, endurance and skill, I was the weak link in the defense, not just in my own mind, but in Hoover's. Hoover would run up and down the sideline screaming at... well, if he was screaming at anyone other than me, I don't remember hearing. It was, *"Driscoll, move up. Driscoll, move back. Ah, s***, come here, a**h***."*

Then, he'd yank me out of the game, and sometimes the rest of the defense, and give us a 5-minute tongue lashing. One time, at a game at Albemarle High School, we were tied at zero when he pulled me and the rest of the defense out of the game. By the time he allowed us back in, we were down 4-0. I was angry and frustrated with him and when he started yelling at me on the sideline, I started yelling back. We were nose-to-nose, both in tears and screaming at the tops of our voices.

A spectator to the incident turned out to be Colonel Livick. A couple of weeks later, I was called into Colonel Livick's office and asked if Colonel Hoover had been abusive or out of line. I didn't believe I was stretching the Honor Code by saying, *"No, Colonel Hoover didn't do anything unusual."* Maybe it would have been closer to the truth to say that *everything* that Hoover did was unusual.

Unusual and colorful; yes, but always done with the very best of intentions, and always out of love. I don't think there was a guy on that pitiful soccer team who didn't make **AD Astra**, nor one whose character didn't develop more fully, who didn't become a bigger and better person from all that "abuse" Hoover heaped on us. AMA wouldn't have been what it was without him.

Doug Driscoll owns AD Media, Inc., an advertising agency and publisher of a weekly entertainment newspaper serving 10 northeast Indiana counties.

A letter from AMA's new owners

Augusta Military Academy now belongs to the Virginia District of the United Pentecostal Church. We have invited the new owners of our school to write a letter to AMA alumni. That letter is reprinted below.



Virginia District U.P.C.I.
736 Sheppard Avenue
Norfolk, VA 23518

We thank you for this opportunity to introduce ourselves to you as the new owners of AMA. In the short time we have spent in the area, we have learned how to appreciate what this fine school has done for so many in years gone by. We hope that we can see these facilities continue to have a positive impact upon the lives of many people in years to come.

We are a conglomerate of 57 churches in the state of Virginia. We are affiliated with over 4,000 churches in the United States, making up the United Pentecostal Church, Inc., with headquarters located in St. Louis.

Our plans for the property are to remodel all existing buildings and bring them up to code. As you know, the buildings are in bad condition. But all of our churches, with their craftsmen and laborers, will be coming together weekly and making all necessary repairs. We hope that when we are finished, you can be as proud of it as we will be.

We will use these facilities for many events, such as children's camps, youth retreats and camps, and family camps. Our churches will assemble there for district conferences and other such meetings.

If you could help us with any of the repairs, or with a tax deductible contribution, it would be greatly appreciated. Checks should be made out to "Virginia District UPC" with a notation "for Promiseland." If you can only stop by to say "hello," we would like that, too. We hope to get to meet all of you some day. If we can help you in any way, please feel free to contact us.

Reverend James A Dunlap
District Superintendent



Where's Mike Basto? Inquiring minds want to know. Specifically, **Ray Sanchez, '63** is looking for Mike.

Boating enthusiasts: Are there power boaters out there, particularly guys with trawlers? We just took a trip to New York and back to South

Carolina on the water. Anyone from the Class of 1956 have the same interest? **Buzz Withers, '56**

1973 Recall: Need a 1973 yearbook? I have an extra. **Bob Bradford, '50**

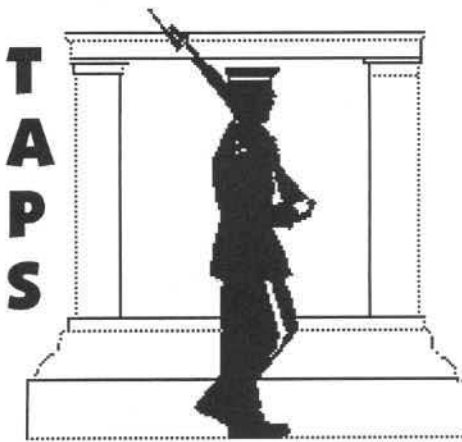
1946 Recall sought: I would like to get a 1946 *Recall* if anyone has a copy. I'll be glad to buy it, or I will make a donation to the AMA Alumni Association. **William Wilson, '46**

'63 Recall: I have a 1963 *Recall* that belonged to **Neil Lawler**. Would someone like to have it? **Lucius Chapin, '63**

Wanted to swap: I have an A Company guidon (with staff) that I will swap for a Band guidon (preferably without staff). **John Core** and I are also looking for two former classmates: **Roger Brooke** and **Bill Parnell**. Does anyone know how to get in touch with Roger and/or Bill? **Hap Starr, '51**

1964 Recall: I have a '64 yearbook anyone can have. **Alan Creasy, '64**

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Can you help any of these guys?
Contact Ed Click, '50, P. O. Box 101, Fort Defiance, VA 24437-0101.
e-mail: Grampso2@juno.com



Herbert L. Lohman, '47

5 December 1997, at Bay Pointe Medical and Rehabilitation Center, Virginia Beach, age 68. Attended University of Virginia. Sole proprietor and owner of Butler Blue Print Company, a partner in Butler Motor Company, and president of Lohman & Others Inc. Served on Board, Chesapeake Savings and Loan. Coach, Norfolk Blue Birds Little League baseball. Member of Lions and Sertoma. Survived by his daughter, Kathleen L. Sturgis; 2 sons, **Griffith Lohman, '72**, and **Dean Lohman, '72**; all of Virginia Beach, and 6 grandchildren.

Dr. John Nelson Morris, '49

25 November 1997, at home in Pittsboro, NC, of pancreatic cancer. First Captain at AMA, 1948-49. Graduated from Hamilton College, NY, then served as an officer in the

Marine Corps before taking his doctorate in English at Columbia in 1964. A published poet and Guggenheim Fellow, John was working on his memoir at the time of his death. In 1996, retired from Washington University in St. Louis where he had taught English for almost 30 years, returning home to North Carolina where he served as a fellow of the National Humanities Center in Research Triangle, NC. Survived by his wife, Anne, and 3 children.

C. Rodgers Huff, '50

23 December 1997, pancreatic cancer, at home in Toano, VA, age 65. Retired President of Crestar Bank for Williamsburg, Gloucester and Newport News. Huff joined the forerunner of Crestar, Peninsula Bank & Trust, in the mid-1950's. Avid hunter, fisherman and outdoorsman. Raised Tennessee walking horses and cattle at his Augusta County farm. Kiwanis, Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, United Way, and Williamsburg Hospital Fund member. Survived by his wife, Billie; 3 sons, Collins, Mark, and Micah; his mother, Frances H. Griffin; a sister, Paige Dillon; and 3 grandchildren. Burial in Staunton, Thornrose Cemetery.

Glenn Thomas Shover, '55

21 November 1997, at Rockingham Memorial Hospital, Harrisonburg, of cancer, age 60. He had hand copied the entire King James Bible. Survived

by his wife, Arlene; 2 daughters, Sarah Heemer of New Castle, PA and Glenna Williams of Winchester; 4 grandchildren; 2 brothers, Carl and George Shrover, both of Staunton; and a sister, Ferraba Proffitt of Greenville, VA.

Gerry Haggerty, '68

21 December 1997, at Maplewood, NJ, of liver and kidney disease, age 49. Survived by his wife, a son, a daughter, and his parents. Brother-in-law of **Ray Marcantoni, '70**. Reported by **Nick Syropoulos, '69**.

John W. Wolcott, IV, '68

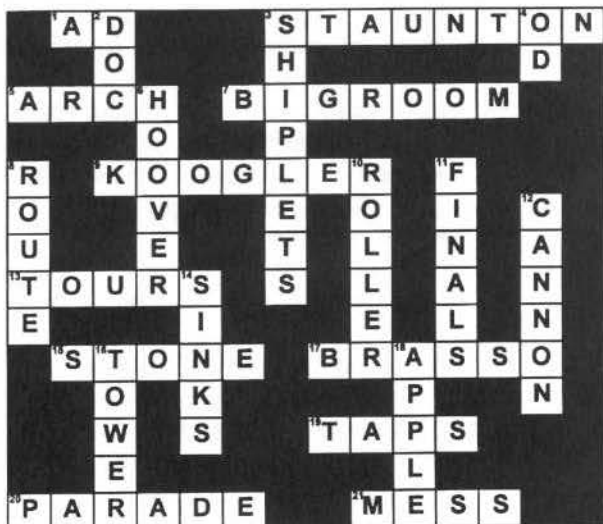
15 January 1998, in Baltimore, of an accident in his home. Survived by his parents, John, III, and Elizabeth; wife, Betty; and 2 sisters, Katherine Hall and Elizabeth Dormer. 7 year cadet. Reported by his roommate **Nick Syropoulos, '69**.

Please report deaths and illnesses of AMA alumni to the AMA Chaplain Bill Gray, '37 at 5111 - 8th Road, South, #107 Arlington, VA 22204-2817 Phone: 703/820-4781

Those attending Colonel Hoover's funeral in Lancaster, PA were touched by the sweet notes of Taps echoing across the cemetery. The bugler was Neil Strauss, son-in-law of Bill Hoover, the Colonel's nephew. Neil is a police officer in Wilmington, DE.

The Bayonet Puzzle

Solution to the January puzzle



JANUARY ISSUE WINNERS!

1st - Rod Willey, '51

Rod wins a free registration to the 1998 Reunion!
2nd - Rick Ellett, '72 & Todd Livick, '81
 Rick and Todd win AMA Alumni Association patches!

The March question:

In what year was the ~~AMA~~ gymnasium dedicated?

Send your answer to *The Bayonet*,

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1st Prize - Copy of *The Battle of New Market*, by William Davis

2 - 2nd Prizes - AMA Alumni Association patches

Deadline to receive entries: 1 May 1998

In case of tie, a drawing will be held to determine winners

"Doc" Savedge remembered by many

In the January *Bayonet*, the 1992 article from *Reader's Digest* about **Colonel Charles "Doc" Savedge** was reproduced. It brought memories of this special man flooding back to many cadets.

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Kept his dogs

I remained in contact with Doc after I left AMA. He spent many New Years with me in Maine. When he died, I volunteered to take care of his dogs...

That man had a profound influence on my life.

Dr. Richard Whitaker, '72

Blowing up the sentry box

I first met Colonel Savedge in the summer of 1964 when he was my chemistry teacher in summer school. He left on a trip to New York but not before giving us lab work to do.

His shadow had scarcely left the grounds when we decided that his experiments were too tame. We tried our hand at making black powder and spent most of that week trying to blow up the sentry box during which time we made a huge mess and managed almost to kill the school dog.

Colonel Savedge had to know what we did, but he never let on.

Joe Tyberghein, '65

No idea about automobiles

Chuck Savedge had hundreds of hours of ballroom dancing instruction from Arthur Murray, but had no idea about automobiles. His first year at Augusta, Chuck's father gave him what had been the family car.

In those days, The Fort was still operating an Esso station and **Herb Hulvey** asked Savedge one day when he had last changed oil in his car. Chuck said, "*Dad always changed oil before he went on a long trip, and I haven't been on any long trips.*" As he left The Fort, Herb asked Chuck if he wanted the air in his tires checked. Chuck guessed that was a good idea "*since it's never been done since I have had the car!*"

My relation with Savedge was as a

friend and teacher, but also a sort of older brother... Mom, my brother **Ernest, '48**, Chuck and I often played bridge and canasta.

He told me once, "*You were at AMA for 4 years; it has been my life.*"

Ed Click, '50



From the 1958 *Recall*, then Major Savedge instills curiosity in Bob Battenhouse, '59, during qualitative analysis.

The Donner Party

Doc's passion about the subjects he taught made a real impact on me. He could turn what appeared to be a boring topic into "sit on the edge of your chair" stories.

Who remembers our study about the Donner Party and their westward journey? Later in life, when I travelled through the Donner Pass in California, I thought about Doc... and how he had made us feel the adventure.

Very few of us realized that we were in the presence of greatness as we strolled in and out of the labs, the Big Room, Hoover Hall... It's clear our lives were touched by the best.

Howard Peterson, '74

Left-handed Canasta

In 1949-50, Canasta was all the rage. Quite a few cadets learned from each other and then Doc organized the Left-Handed Canasta Club, consisting of Doc, Jimmy Huntsberry, Daniel Delaney Fitzhugh Yellott, III, and me.

Being a biologist, Doc was convinced that left-handed people were smarter (Doc was left-handed). We 3 cadets would rotate as Doc's partner and he would arrange a monthly prize for the one who proved to be the best.

Doc was advisor to the Decorating Committee; Yellott and I were on the committee, and Huntsberry was Yellott's roommate. And that's how we were recruited...

Bob Ayres, '50

Learned more from Doc

In my senior year, we lost a teacher and Doc Savedge took over the class, the first time I had ever had him for a class. I learned more from him than from any other teacher I ever had.

Al Zayas, '72

Picked my college

I always had wanted to go to the U. S. Military Academy and came back to Augusta an extra year to be better prepared academically. I won a principal appointment to West Point and as I left for New York to take final medical and physical examinations, Doc Savedge gave me a little book of wise sayings to read on the train.

Well, I didn't get into West Point. I was too skinny (a problem since overcome). By the time I had gotten back to AMA, Doc already had talked with my parents about having me go to his school - Washington and Lee - to major in journalism.

Which is what I did. Thank you, Chuck.

Bob Bradford, '50

More on the Donner Party

When things got boring in chemistry class, we would ask Doc to tell us the Donner Party story. We knew that he

knew we were stalling for time, but he loved to tell the story so much that he nearly always did it. You felt you were right there enduring the cold and hunger as did those ill fated settlers. He certainly is missed.

Russ Amidon, '68

Hid under the desk

It was 2 weeks before Christmas break in 1983. **Joe Newman** was one of my best friends and the battalion commander, and I was in his room after Taps. We were talking about our girlfriends at Stuart Hall when there was a knock at the door.

I jumped under Joe's desk which had a blanket over it. Doc asked Joe who he was talking to, and Joe said nobody - that the TV set was on. Doc told Joe to turn down the volume, and presumably left. I waited a while and we began talking again. Soon, there was another knock at the door, but this time Colonel Savedge didn't ask who was in the room. Doc came in, lifted the blanket, and without even looking at me said, "Mr. Meek, if you do not get to your own room in 20 seconds..."

I didn't wait to hear the rest!

Chris Meek, '84

A proud "Son of Hoover"

By Doug Discoll, '72

Reading the remembrances of and tributes to **Colonel Hoover** in the January *Bayonet* stirred memories of my own. Three men at AMA had a considerable impact on my life - **Colonels Livick, Savedge and Hoover**.

Colonel Livick always struck me as somewhat larger than life. Not only was he an imposing figure, but his talks in the Big Room prior to classes still resonate with me some 20 years later.

Colonel Savedge's impact came not at AMA, but later, after I had lost my ROTC scholarship and had flunked out of Washington and Lee. Doc stood by me, giving me encouragement and guidance until finally I carved a path for myself. Doc's passing occasioned one of the saddest days in my life, and I miss him tremendously.

But at AMA itself, I was proud to be a "Son of Hoover." No one in my past stirs more colorful memories. No person in my past is as "famous" within my own family as was Colonel Hoover. Everyone could do a Hoover impression, even my 16-year-old son for whom Hoover is nothing but a story out of Dad's ancient past.

Hoover loved his boys and would forgive them anything. I know; I tested him often enough. You never quite knew in advance what his reaction would be to a wise-ass remark or behavior not quite in keeping with AMA's standards, and therein was the fun part, the challenge of Colonel Hoover.

One time in class, during one of his threats to wake up a sleepy classroom with his famous bottle of smelling salts, all the while waving the bottle under his own nose, I cracked that his olfactory nerves were dead. Another time for an offense I'm sure was nowhere near as serious, he ordered me to the guardhouse to give myself a "stick," and told me I'd be whipped with one of his sabers when I returned. No friend of pain, I was practically shaking as I made the slowest trip of my life from Hoover Hall to Big Barracks, and back. When I returned, just before the end of class, all I got was, "Welcome back, my friend."

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From
the
1917
Recall

One fine baseball team

After seeing the picture in the January *Bayonet* of 1927 AMA baseball player **Burgess "Whitey" Whitehead**, A. Edward Burgess writes from Richmond that his father, **Marvin E. Burgess, '27**, was personally recruited by then **Major Charles Roller** to play on that 1927 team.

"I recall Dad saying that Roller himself came to see him and told him he wanted him to come to AMA to play baseball," said his son. Marvin was a left-handed pitcher, but also played first base as he "apparently had some prowess as a hitter," according to Ed Burgess who reports that his father received a scholarship to attend AMA and was either a workboy or a CW.

When he finished AMA, Marvin was invited for a try-out as a pitcher with one of the Chicago major league teams, "but destroyed his arm in the process," Ed says. Marvin played semi-pro ball, perhaps for a Staunton team, his son believes. He was so well known in the Valley as an accomplished baseball player that Ed, constantly being measured against his father, elected to play other sports. "I took up football, a sport he never played..."

Former cadets will remember Marvin Burgess as the owner-operator, for 42 years (approximately 1930-1972) of the large Sinclair, then later Exxon station and automotive center, in Mount Crawford.

Marvin died in 1982. His widow, Reva, celebrated her 92nd birthday in February and still lives in the house she and Marvin bought in Harrisonburg in 1947.

Editor's note: Thanks, Ed, for a good story. That must have been one fine baseball team! And a belated Happy Birthday to Reva Burgess!

John Morris' tribute to The Big Boy

He attended Augusta for 6 years and was First Captain his senior year.

John Morris, '49, passed away late last year leaving behind a memorable tribute to **General Roller**, The Big Boy. John didn't think it "sufficiently reverent," but to those of us who knew Charles S.

Roller, Jr. - Major, Colonel or General - it strikes just the right note.

It is published here as a tribute to 2 great men - General Roller and John Nelson Morris, both gentlemen and gentle men.

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The Colonel, that force of nature, could make you uneasy. Always, he was veering almost out of control: excessive; sentimental; about to seem regrettable. His honest, labile emotions alarmed and enlisted us. Perhaps he reminded us of us: a big boy.

"When the sun sets tonight over an empty barracks..." This began the peroration of his annual speech at our Last Formation. In a minute or two, we would all disperse into our private lives, straggle off into our disorganized summers. In civilian disarray, parents and girlfriends crowded the grassy spaces around the ornamental cannons; the parade ground was jammed with cars in a litter of color.

By now, each cadet captain had passed through the ranks of his company for the wristwatch custom had extorted from them. Through clenched teeth, **Tom Callahan**, my platoon leader, congratulated me on the Best Student Medal he ought to have won.

In the barracks behind us all was more or less orderly. The trashcans at the corners of the stoops overflowed with junk and scraps of paper blew about the courtyard. But this year we had not in an excess of parting joy broken out half the windows; had not pelted the sentrybox with ink bottles.

Now, we submitted to the Colonel's ritual valediction. I was to hear the

speech 6 times. Long-service cadets like me had it pretty well by heart and might amuse a winter evening with recitations of it, every tremolo and choking self-interruption authentically rendered. It had, then, the essential merit of being memorable. The

Colonel's sincerity guaranteed that.



John Morris, '49, chats with Jim Starnes, '50, at the 1997 AMA alumni reunion banquet.

"When the sun sets tonight..." The Colonel's eyes were streaming tears; handkerchiefs came out among the spectators. In our ranks feeling spread by contagion. Even the cynics among us caught the infection — those who had vowed that *this* year they wouldn't be moved. "Shit, shit, shit," muttered **Jim Ragsdale** in the file behind me, and blew his nose on one of his white gloves.

Once again the Colonel had us where he wanted us — for this annual Last Time, unanimous in tears.

A letter to Colonel Hoover

Shawn "Ogi" Ogimachi, '77, travelled from his home in Santa Cruz, CA to attend Paul Hoover's funeral on 8 November 1997. Ogi left a letter with Colonel Hoover's family which letter is reproduced herewith:

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As you pass from this life, you take with you the lives and dreams of hundreds of cadets. As our mathematician, counselor, coach, teacher, confidant, and friend, we cannot express enough respect, love, gratitude or affection for you.

You were the institution called Augusta Military Academy. You served as the heart and soul of AMA for so many years. You were the force that no one could ignore. While we did not always appreciate or ask for your direct approach, none can deny your effectiveness over so many decades with so many students. Colonel Hoover, "my friend", you made us think, made us feel, made us do. You would do anything to make us better. I appreciate the swift, squarely placed kicks in the rear, the hugs, the uncontrolled rages, and the dozen doughnuts.

Paul Hoover, you were the institutional glue that bonded cadets of prior and following years. You were the continuum in our experience that made us better people, students, athletes and cadets. You counseled, recruited, taught, coached, funded your winning teams, and stepped in when needed.

I do not think that you were often thanked; I sometimes saw you

shunned. You did not do what you did for money or any of the commonly valued compensations. Your purpose and life's work was us, our well being, advancement, success and happiness. You took few rewards and constantly renewed your work with a new group of rats.

Tonight, the sun will set on an empty barracks, but it is only a building. The soul of The Academy, that we now carry as former cadets, is embodied in your work of the past 50 years. Your life, your actions, your purpose, determination, and intent is the meaning of AMA. Many will rise to speak for AMA but Paul Vance Hoover, you are forever The Academy.

We salute you and thank you. Your example lives on within us. The world is a better place due to your contributions. I will try to continue your example by caring, loving, trying, learning, doing and helping. Colonel Hoover, you are more than AMA's greatest teacher and coach, you are a cornerstone of the institution.

Your spirit continues to live in 4 Latin words: *Ad Astra per Aspera*.

Attending the Saturday night banquet at the May reunion? You MUST make a reservation in advance! See Page 5!

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Deaths



Herbert L. Lohman,
'47, 5 December
1997, age 68, at
Virginia Beach, VA.
1947 Recall.

Dr. John N. Morris,
'49, 25 November
1997, at Pittsboro,
NC. 1949 Recall.



C. Rodgers Huff,
'50, 23 December
1997, age 65, at
Toano, VA. Photo
from 1997 reunion.

Details in TAPS on page 14

From Colonel Hoover's attic

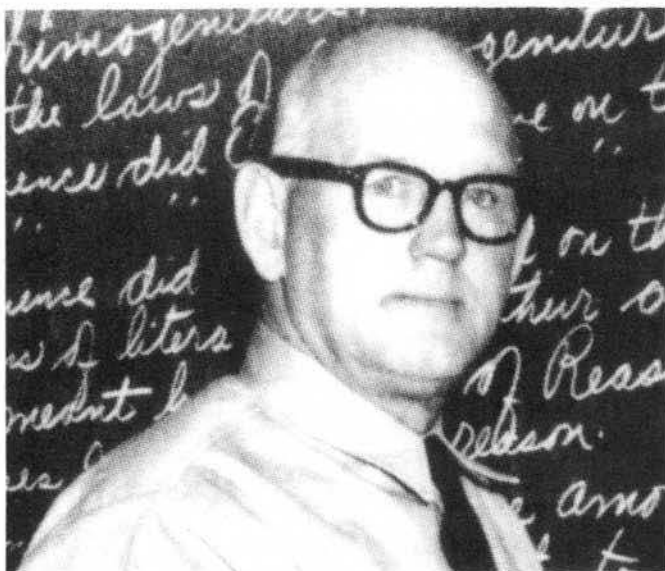
After Colonel Hoover passed away last November, family members turned over to the Alumni Association many boxes of photos and slides which had been stored in the colonel's attic. Most had no dates or other information to identify them. In this and future issues of The Bayonet, we will publish some of these photos and will ask your help in identifying the people and events that are depicted. Can you help us with the photo below?



HEY!

If you are reading this, you must be enjoying The Bayonet. Did you know that only 5 percent of all the AMA alumni for whom we have addresses support The Bayonet, or the AMA Legacy and VMI Scholarship Funds? If you are in that 5 percent, thank you! If you are not, won't you please make a contribution to the AMA Alumni Association? Your gifts to the scholarship funds are tax-deductible! We really need your help and encouragement.

Big turnout of faculty anticipated at '98 reunion



Among faculty members expected to attend the 1998 reunion are Glenn Koogler, above, in his classroom, and Tim Mannasmith, right, on Clean Up Day. Do you know an AMA teacher or staff member who would like to receive an invitation to be the guest of the AMA Alumni Association at the Saturday 2 May banquet? Let us know right away! (See **SEARCHING** on page 7.)

The 1998 Augusta Military Academy annual alumni reunion will honor AMA's former teachers and administrative staff. A big turnout of faculty members is anticipated for the Saturday night banquet where each teacher, and a guest, are invited to be guests of the AMA Alumni Association.

Former faculty and staff members who plan to attend the Saturday night dinner are asked to contact **Ed Click, '50**, c/o AMA Alumni Association, Inc., P. O. Box 101, Fort Defiance, VA 24437-0101. e-mail: Grampso2@juno.com. Phone: 540/248-0507.



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